

REMARKS

I. Formal Matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and for confirming receipt of the certified copy of the priority document filed on December 15, 2000.

II. Status of the Application

By the present amendment, claims 3, 4, 6-10, 12, 15, and 17-21 have been amended. In addition, claims 1, 11, 13-14, and 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, claim 22 is hereby added to correct various informalities. Claims 3-10, 12, 15, and 17-22 are all the claims pending in the Application, with claims 3, 12, 15, and 17-19 being in independent form. Claims 1, 11, 13-14, 16, and 20-21 have been rejected.

The present amendment addresses each point of objection and rejection raised by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 19 is allowed. In addition, Applicant submits that claims 20-22 are also allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 19.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-10, 12, 15, and 17-18 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant hereby rewrites claims 3, 12, 15, and 17-18 in independent form. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3, 12,

15, and 17-18 are immediately allowable. Further, Applicant submits that claims 4-10 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 3.

IV. Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 1 for allegedly lacking sufficient antecedent basis for the recitations in the claim. Claim 1 has been canceled, therefore the objection with respect to this claim is now moot.

V. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states that claims 20-21 recite the limitation “said control logic” in line 1 and that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected as set forth above with the addition of new claim 22. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

VI. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 11, 13-14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by of U.S. Patent No. 4,488,641 to Ozkan (hereinafter “Ozkan”). Claims 1, 11, 13-14, and 16 have been canceled, therefore the rejections with respect to these claims are now moot.

VII. New Claims

Claim 22 is hereby added. Claim 22 is fully supported *at least* by page 5, lines 4-26 of the instant Application. Claim 22 is respectfully submitted to be allowable *at least* by virtue of its dependency and by virtue of the recitations therein.

VIII. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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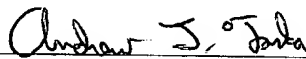
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